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WILD BILL HICKOK in *The* TRAP



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ON A NEARBY
RIDGE...

I'VE BEEN STANDING BY LONG
ENOUGH-- LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE
TO TAKE A HAND NOW! UH-OH...
THE COUGAR'S ALMOST ON
HIM... FIRST SHOT BETTER
BE GOOD!

A MOMENT LATER...

WHO FIRED? WHO
SAVED THE LIFE OF
TALL MOOSE WHO
IS WORTHLESS?

HICKOK'S THE NAME,
SON! **WILD BILL
HICKOK**, FOLKS
CALL ME! AND WHAT
I WANT TO KNOW
IS, WHO LET YOU
OUT OF THE BOOBY-
HATCH?

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF TREEING
THAT COUGAR... THEN PULLING
HIM DOWN AND
RASSLING WITH HIM
BAREHANDED? COULDN'T YOU
THINK OF ANY EASIER
WAY TO GET TO
THE HAPPY
HUNTING
GROUNDS?

MY FATHER, **CHIEF BLACK
CLOUD**, CALLED ME A
WEAK SQUAW! HE SAID
I WAS WITHOUT COURAGE!
I HAD TO PROVE TO MY-
SELF THAT HIS WORDS
WERE EMPTY OF
TRUTH! I HAD TO
FEEL AS STRONG
AND PROUD AGAIN...

...AS I FELT THAT
NIGHT ON THE PRAIRIE...

THE **SHAMAN** HAS
SEEN A VISION! HE
SAYS IF YOU STAND
GUARD TONIGHT, MY
SON, THE WHOLE
HERD WILL BE
LOST!

THEN THE SHAMAN
HAS SEEN A **FALSE**
VISION, MY FATHER!
I SHALL KEEP WATCH
LIKE AN EAGLE--
AND IF THIEVES
COME, I SHALL
FIGHT LIKE A
COUGAR!

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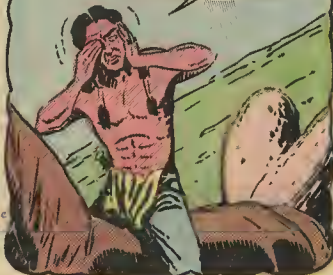
AND SO MY FATHER LEFT ME WITH THE HERD...

HOW THE SHAMAM
WILL BE ANGERED IN
THE MORNINGS--WHEN
HIS VISION WILL BE
PROVED FALSE!



BUT
THEN...

MY EYES... SO
HEAVY... I CANNOT
KEEP THEM OPEN!
I... I'M SINKING
TO THE GROUND!



WHEN
I NEXT
OPENED
MY EYES...

**THE HERD!
ALL GONE!!
EVERY
HORSE
STOLEN!**



IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO FACE TEN COUGARS
THAN TO FACE MY FATHER'S WRATH THAT MORNING...

WEAK SQUAW! COWARD!
THE HERD WAS OUR TRIBE'S
WEALTH! BECAUSE OF YOU,
MY PEOPLE WILL STARVE
NEXT WINTER!



THE GODS ARE ANGERED, OH CHIEF--
YOUR SON DARED TO CALL THEIR
VISION FALSE! THE TRIBE WILL
BE CURSED IF HE STAYS
HERE...



MY FATHER LISTENED TO
THE SHAMAM! I WAS NO
LONGER HIS SON, HE
CRIED! AND HE
DROVE ME FROM
THE ENCAMPMENT,

HMMM... CAN'T
BLAME YOU,
FOR BEING
MIGHTY RILED-
UP...



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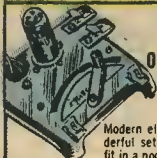
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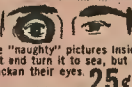
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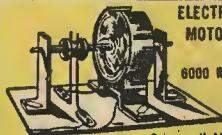
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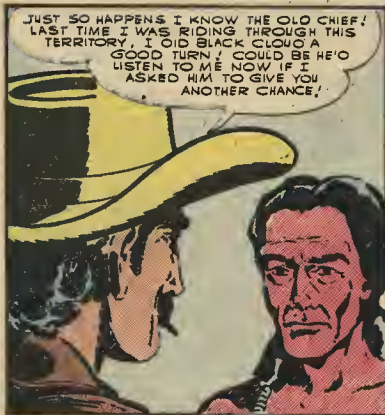
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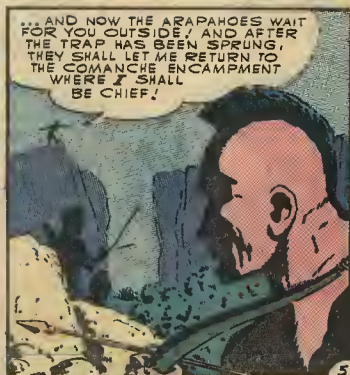
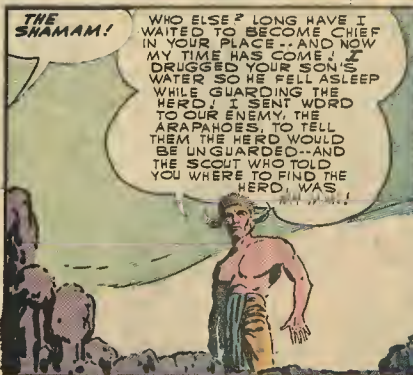
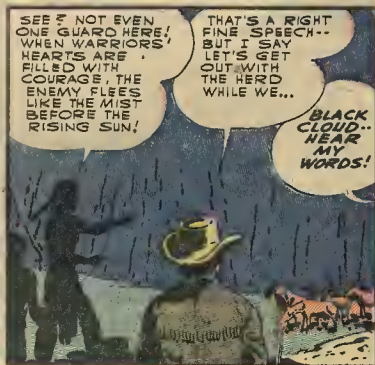
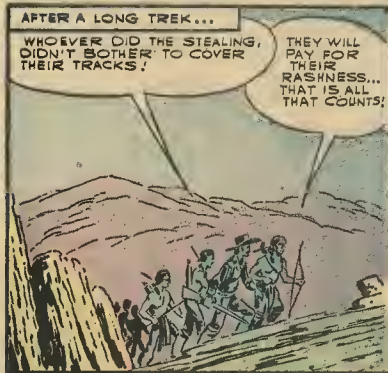
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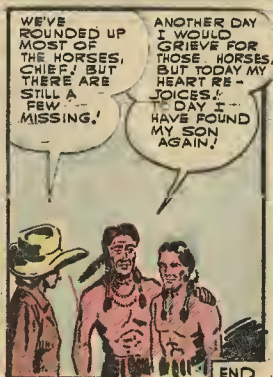
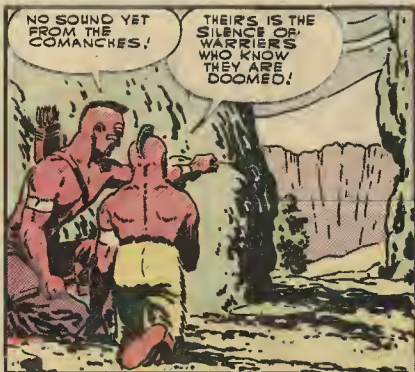
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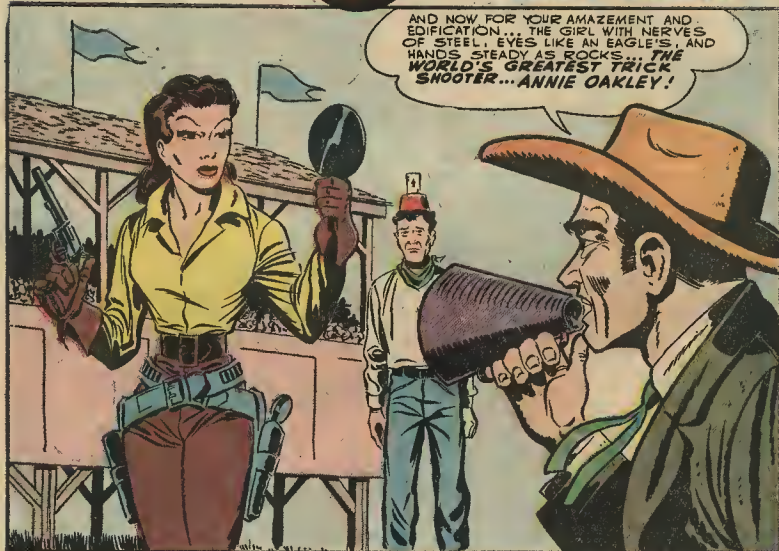
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Annie Oakley

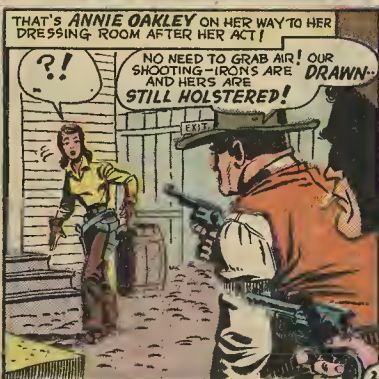
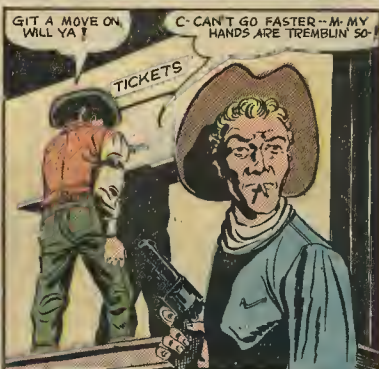
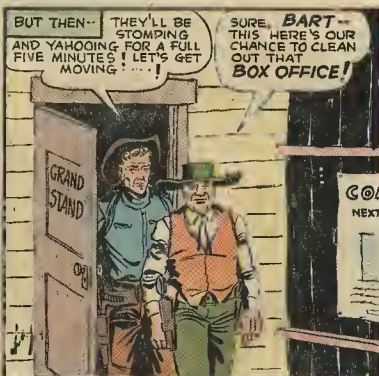
The LAST SHOW



NOT A SOUND IN THE ARENA NOW... ALL EYES ARE RIVETTED ON THAT SMALL PLAYING CARD PROPPED ON THE COW-HAND'S HEAD! ANNIE TAKES A DEEP BREATH, SQUEEZES THE TRIGGER...



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KRAKK!

KRAKK!

N-NEVER SAW SUCH FAST-DRAWIN'! THAT GAL'S LIKE LIGHTNIN' GONE LOCO...!

STAND FAST, BOTH OF YOU!



YOU WON'T SHOOT AGAIN, ANNIE... TOO MANY FOLKS RUSHING HERE TO SEE WHAT THE RUCKUS IS ALL ABOUT... SOMEBODY MIGHT GET HURT!



HE'S RIGHT!... CAN'T SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER NOW!

OWLHOOT JUST HELD UP THE BOX OFFICE!



BUT BART SMOLLEN IS AS FAST WITH THAT TWISTED BRAIN OF HIS AS HE IS WITH HIS FEET!

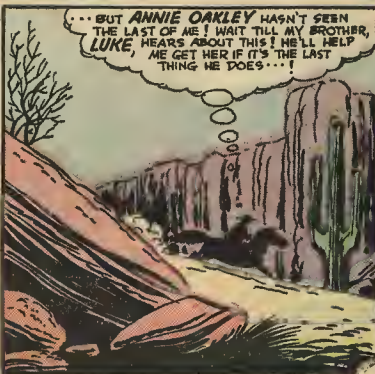
THE OWLHOOT WENT THATAWAY! I'M MOUNTING UP AND GOING AFTER HIM!



THEY'LL NEVER HEAD ME OFF! THIS IS THE FASTEST MOUNT IN THE TERRITORY...!



... BUT ANNIE OAKLEY HASN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME! WAIT TILL MY BROTHER, LUKE, HEARS ABOUT THIS! HE'LL HELP ME GET HER IF IT'S THE LAST THING HE DOES...!



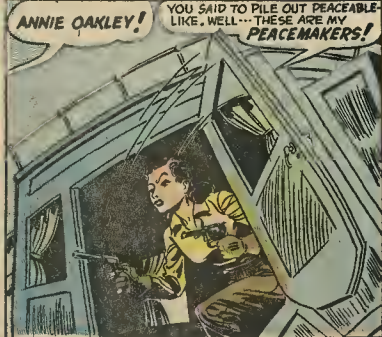
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TWO DAYS LATER, ON THE STAGE TRAIL NOT FAR FROM CRAGSTONE JUNCTION . . .



PULL REIN, DRIVER . . . AND TELL YOUR PASSENGERS TO PILE OUT PEACEABLE-LIKE!

BUT ONE OF THE PASSENGERS IS . . .



ANNIE OAKLEY!

YOU SAID TO PILE OUT PEACEABLE-LIKE. WELL . . . THESE ARE MY PEACEMAKERS!

HEY! YOU GONNA LET ONE PINK-CHEEKED FEMALE MAKE YOU RUN OFF WITH YOUR TAILS BETWEEN YOUR LEGS . . . ?

WE SURE ARE, LUKE! ANNIE OAKLEY'S NO ORDINARY FEMALE—SHE'S THE

BEST SHOT IN THE WHOLE WEST!



WHY, YOU YELLOW-BELLIED COVOTES! I'LL . . .

HE'S TALKIN' BIG, ANNIE . . . BUT HE'S MAKIN' TRACKS RIGHT AFTER THE REST OF HIS GANG!



WHEN THE OWLHOOTS REACH THEIR HIDEOUT . . .

BART . . . WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE ?!

TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO COME, LUKE . . . HAD TO RIDE THE BACKTRAILS! . . . I TRIED TO PULL A BOX OFFICE JOB TWO DAYS AGO . . . AND NOW I WANT HELP TO GET THE GIRL WHO RAN ME OFF! HER NAME IS—ANNIE OAKLEY!



WHAT?! THAT'S WHAT SHE JUST DONE TO ME AN' MY MEN OUT ON THE STAGE TRAIL!

THAT GIRL'S POISON, LUKE! SHE HAS TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON . . .!



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THAT'S EASY TO SAY--
BUT THERE AIN'T A
MAN AMONG US THAT'LL
STAND UP AGAINST
ANNIE OAKLEY!

HMMMM...
DIDN'T EXPECT
HER TO BE ON THAT
STAGE ... BUT
COME TO THINK
OF IT ...

I'VE HEARD TELL SHE'S
DUE IN **Cragstone
JUNCTION** TO PUT ON
ONE OF HER SHOWS!
NOBODY KNOWS US IN
THAT TOWN...THEY'D
NEVER DREAM OF US
SHOWIN' UP THERE!

COULD BE IF WE MOVED INTO **Cragstone
JUNCTION** WE COULD CATCH
ANNIE OAKLEY WITH HER GUARD DOWN!



THAT NIGHT, IN **Cragstone Junction** ...

I'D LIKE THESE CHECKED
OVER FOR TOMORROW'S
SHOW.

SURE, ANNIE...FOR THE
SHOOTIN' YOU DO, YOUR
IRONS ALWAYS HAVE TO BE
IN TOP SHAPE!



AT THAT MOMENT ...

WHATTA BREAK!
ANNIE'S GONE BACK
TO THE HOTEL!...**NOW**

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TAKE OVER THE
GUNSMITH SHOP ... AN' THEN WE CAN FIX
ANNIE'S GUNS SO TOMORROW'S SHOW
WILL BE HER **LAST!**



AND SO ...

THE GUNSMITH'S
TIED UP IN BACK!

GOOD!... NOW WATCH THIS!
I'M POURIN' **HOT LEAD**
INTO THE BARRELS
OF ANNIE'S GUNS!

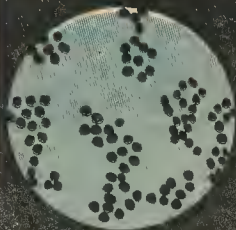


THE NEXT DAY, JUST BEFORE THE SHOW...

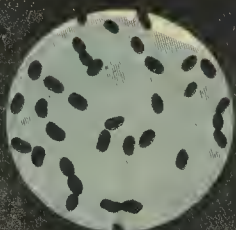
SORRY WE COULDN'T GET THE
GUNS TO YOU SOONER, MA'AM,
BUT THE GUNSMITH ... ER ...
TOOK SICK, AN' I HADDA
HELP HIM OUT!



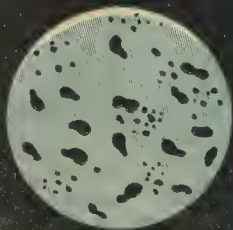
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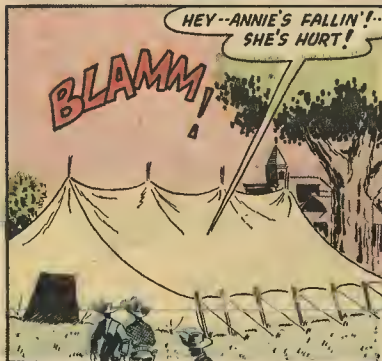


ANY SECOND NOW SHE'LL START SHOOTING! AND HER FIRST SHOT WITH THOSE CHOKED-UP GUNS WILL BE HER LAST!!



HEY--ANNIE'S FALLIN'!... SHE'S HURT!

BLAMM!

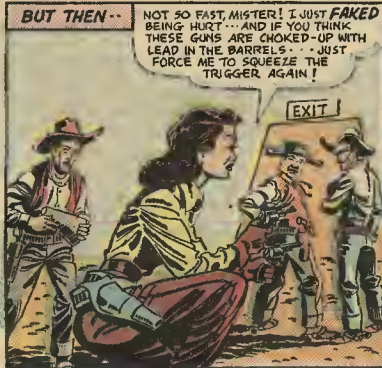


WELL THAT TAKES CARE OF ANNIE OAKLEY... FOR ONCE AND ALL! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE --



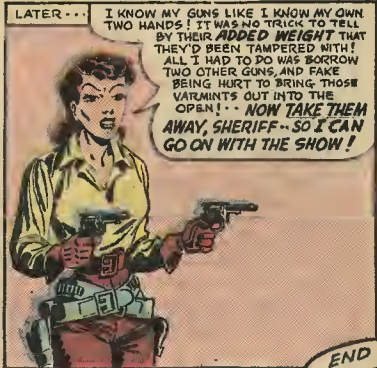
BUT THEN --

NOT SO FAST, MISTER! I JUST **FAKED** BEING HURT... AND IF YOU THINK THESE GUNS ARE CHOKED-UP WITH LEAD IN THE BARRELS... JUST FORCE ME TO SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER AGAIN!



LATER --

I KNOW MY GUNS LIKE I KNOW MY OWN TWO HANDS! IT WAS NO TRICK TO TELL BY THEIR **ADDED WEIGHT** THAT THEY'D BEEN TAMPERED WITH! ALL I HAD TO DO WAS BORROW TWO OTHER GUNS, AND FAKE BEING HURT TO BRING THOSE VARMINTS OUT INTO THE OPEN!... **NOW TAKE THEM AWAY, SHERIFF-- SO I CAN GO ON WITH THE SHOW!**



END

THE RANCH BOYS



EASY, BOY—
LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
GOIN' DOWN!



HEY, LUKE!
HANG ON I'LL
BE RIGHT
WITH YUH!



RIGHT HERE WE
PARTS
COMPANY!



ALL THIS FLAT
COUNTRY AROUND
AND THEY GOT TO
COME DOWN THE
HARD WAY!



WHAT ARE
YUH TRYIN' TO
DO, LUKE— FILL
UP THIS CANYON!



WELL I FIGURED
IF I COULDN'T
ROPE 'EM I'D
KNOCK 'EM ON
THE SKULL
WITH A FEW
ROCKS!



GHOSTS IN GHOST TOWN

AS they topped the ridge, Professor Carman reined up. The other three riders halted beside him.

"What's that?" asked the Professor, pointing far away into the valley where the winding Gold River snaked beside a group of ramshackle buildings.

"Ghost Town," responded Tom, Clem, and Buck nodding solemnly in agreement, with Clem grasping the opportunity to wink at Buck behind the Professor's back.

"I've heard of such places," said the Professor. "I'd like to visit that one. Not today, because I have some material to study and letters to write, but perhaps tomorrow."

"Oooh, you wouldn't want to go there. The place is haunted," asserted Tom, gravely.

"There are ghosts of a couple of murdered men that spook up the town," declared Clem.

"Outlaws they was!" exclaimed Buck. "Nobody that ever went into Ghost Town ever came out again!"

"Nonsense," said the Professor. "Belief in ghosts is a superstition dating back to the dark ages. Civilized man does not give credence to such supernatural phenomena. I intend to visit Ghost Town tomorrow, and if you gentlemen do not care to accompany me, I shall go there alone."

After a last look at the crumbling buildings, he wheeled his horse. That was the signal that all four should begin riding down trail toward the very much alive community of Three Forks, where the Professor was putting up at the Three Forks hotel.

"Of course, I don't exactly put much stock in ghosts myself," said Tom after musing. "I think maybe that's just a yarn somebody made up. But it would be kind of unwise for you to visit Ghost Town all alone."

"Why is that?" asked the Professor.

"Well, it's mighty near the badlands and you might run smack plumb into the Bassett Brothers."

"Who are they?"

"Worst owlhoots in these parts!" cried Clem.

"They'd as soon shoot you as look at you!" exclaimed Buck.

"Ah, yes," mused the Professor. "Now that you mention it, I do believe I remember seeing a 'wanted' poster in the sheriff's office outlining the exploits of the notorious Bassetts. Forewarned is forearmed. I shall borrow a pistol and be prepared for them."

The Professor sat in his tiny hotel room writing letters. He was not really a professor but only a young school teacher from the East who was spending his summer vacation in the wild West. But on the very day of his arrival by stagecoach, Tom had given him that more exalted handle, and now, to all intents and purposes, it was his name. The Professor had arrived looking very pale alongside the leather-skinned natives. The paleness added to the gravity of his very serious young face. He was quite slender, and his whole appearance gave the impression of frailty, an impression that was deceiving.

Tom, Clem and Buck had marked him out as a dude and perhaps a sissy—fair game for their own particular brand of humor. Feigning friendly helpfulness, they had attached themselves to him. Their first stunt, Tom's brainchild, was to get the Professor up on a vicious and barely broken in mustang.

The horse had roared off in a cloud of dust around the livery stable and out of sight, heading for open country. Tom, Clem and Buck watched him go, bent double with laughter. They slapped their thighs and speculated as to whether the Professor had been thrown off into cactus or into a mudhole. They were mounting to go look when the Professor returned, riding easily with the fiery mustang fully under control.

"Quite a spirited steed," he had said. "I want to thank you gentlemen for letting me ride him. I wonder if I could arrange to have the use of this horse during the remainder of my stay."

"Y-y-you must've ridden before," gulped Tom.

"Oh, yes," agreed the Professor, mildly. "I took riding lessons before coming out here. 'When in Rome do as the Romans do,' you know. Of course, I'm more used to the flat

English saddle. This western saddle is like being in a rocking chair."

The defeat had made Tom, Clem and Buck more determined than ever to put over a good one on the solemn dude from the East. They were the kind of loafers whose greatest joy comes from the successful practical joke.

"Clem and I will dress up in sheets and be the ghosts," said Tom. "You go with him, Buck, so you can be sure to steer him into the old grain and feed store. That's where we'll be hiding."

Next day, on schedule, Buck and the Professor were topping the ridge, heading for Ghost Town. "Too bad your friends were too busy to come along," said the Professor. "I look forward to this as a very stimulating experience. A ghost town is something you never see in the East. Do you know why this place was abandoned?"

"Well," drawled Buck, "there was a mite of a gold rush some years back, and the town grew up around it overnight you might say. And then the gold petered out, and everybody left. There just wasn't any reason to stay there. Specially them three rainless years when the river went dry."

As they rode into the ratty main street, the Professor's eager eyes took in everything. The rotted board sidewalk, faded signs, blistering patches of paint on the sun-bleached building walls, glassless windows.

"Ghost town is the right word," he murmured.

"This here's the old grain and feed store," said Buck, pointing. "Like to have a look inside there?"

"Certainly." They dismounted, wrapping reins around the leaning, rusted hitchrail.

The Professor entered first, blinking. Coming in from the blazing sunlight made the musty, cobwebby interior seem even darker than it was. Buck followed him.

From behind an old counter at the left, two ghostly white figures arose, moaning, "Hooooo! Hooooo!"

"Ghosts!" exclaimed Buck, feigning surprise.

"Interesting that we should both suffer the same hallucination simultaneously," commented the Professor.

"Let's git outta here! Let's run! Ain't you gonna run?"

"Why, no," said the Professor. "I intend to try an experiment. I have heard that bullets

pass right through ghosts without doing them any harm. We'll see if that's true."

He had a six-shooter in hand and was aiming it at the sheeted figures. Buck was frozen with dismay. He tried to cry out but could not. The gun exploded twice, the shots echoing hollowly in the old store. Both "ghosts" fell to the floor and crawled out of sight behind the counter.

"Oh, dear, I guess it is not true after all. Bullets *do* kill ghosts. Oh, well, they were dead, anyway."

Buck at last found his voice. "They were not!" he wailed. "You know what you've done? You've shot my two best friends. That was Clem and Tom!"

The Professor, looking solemn as usual, walked briskly to the counter and leaned over it. He saw there, not corpses, but two quaking sheeted figures huddled low. One of them, through chattering teeth, said, "Y-y-you missed us. D-don't shoot again!"

"I didn't miss," said the Professor. "My gun was loaded with blanks. I have always felt that blanks were the best ammunition with which to shoot spooks."

SITTING on the rickety porch of the old store, the Professor faced three sheepish men and said, "You see, when you teach school, you learn a lot about the psychology of boyish pranksters. I could tell you three were planning a ghost joke on me as easily as if you had printed it in a newspaper. So I prepared."

"You sure turned the tables," agreed Tom. Then, haltingly, "By the way, Professor, you won't *tell* anybody about this, will you? We'd be the laughing stock. We'd have to leave town."

"I'll make a bargain with you," said the young teacher. "I want to build a school out here, and if you gentlemen will work to build it, I'll keep the secret."

"Work?" wailed all three.

"You have your choice," said the Professor. "I'll be able to buy materials as soon as I get the reward money. You see, when I went for a stroll last night, the Bassett Brothers tried to hold me up. I captured them. They're in jail now. That's why I had no fear of coming near the badlands with a blank gun."

Tom, Clem and Buck decided the Professor might be a good hombre to work for—but not against!

THE END

JESSE JAMES

CASCADE CITY...
KNOW THE
PLACE ?

NOPE ! BUT IF IT'S
GOT A HOTEL WITH A
BATH TUB, IT'S GOOD
ENOUGH FOR ME AFTER
THREE DAYS AND TWO
NIGHTS ON THE
TRAIL !

CASCADE
CITY

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TIRE D, DUSTY RIDERS
FOLLOW A CATTLE TRAIL
IN WEST TEXAS TO THE
SMALL FRONTIER TOWN
OF CASCADE CITY...



FIRST DOOR ON YOUR
LEFT AT THE LANDING,
MR... ER... PARKER !



COWBOY WESTERN

BUT AS THE TWO STRANGERS REACH THE LANDING...

THIS IS A STICKUP, MISTER!

DON'T START ANYTHING AND WE WON'T HURT YOU! TURN AROUND AND OPEN THAT SAFE BEHIND YOU!

WAIT A MINUTE, FRANK... WHY NOT STAY OUT OF IT? IT'S NOT OUR MONEY!

BECAUSE...

...AS SOON AS THEY LEAVE, THE CLERK'LL YELL FOR THE LAW! THEY'RE BOUND TO WANT TO TALK TO ANY STRANGERS IN TOWN... AND WE CAN'T HAVE THAT!

THE WHISPERED CONVERSATION ON THE LANDING DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF ONE OF THE BANDITS, AND...

HEY, YOU TWO... COME ON DOWN HERE! AND KEEP YOUR HANDS IN SIGHT...

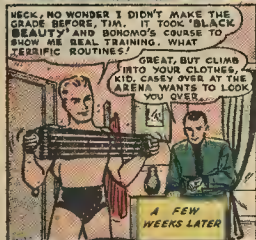
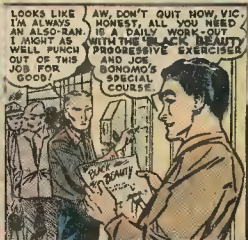
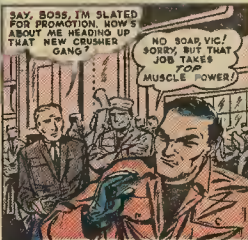
HE'S GOT THE DROP ON US!

TAKE IT EASY... IF WE DO AS HE SAYS, HE'LL RELAX A LITTLE AND WHEN HE DOES...

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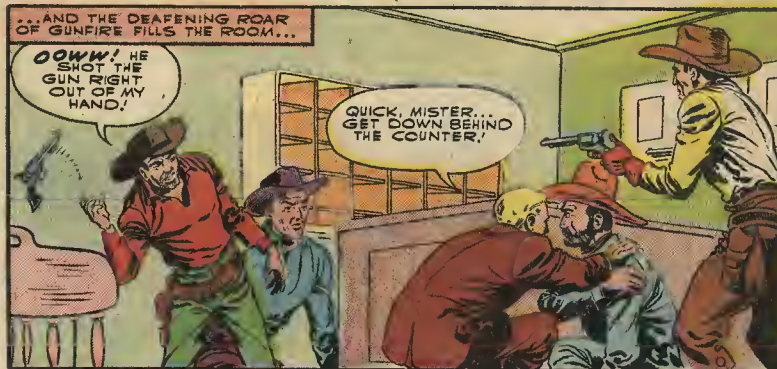
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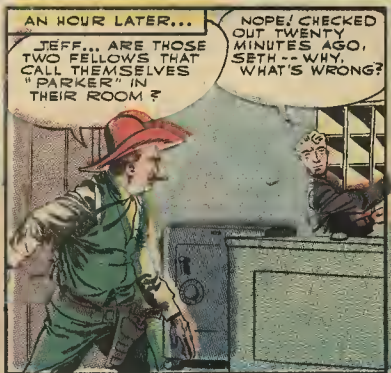
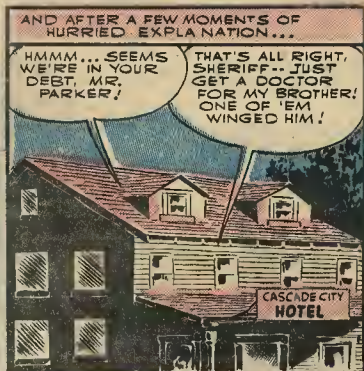
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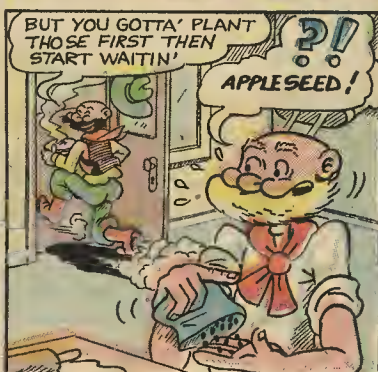
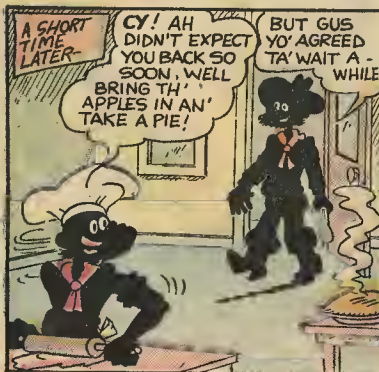
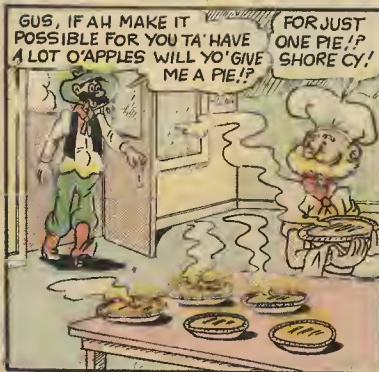
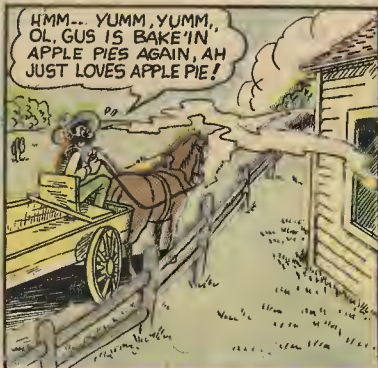


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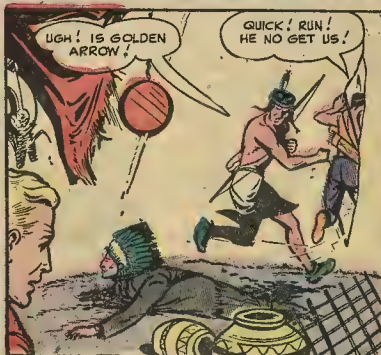
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I'LL HAVE TO LET THOSE INDIANS ESCAPE! HOLD STILL, CHIEF!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU HAD A CLOSE CALL!



NOW TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

RENEGADE INDIANS WHO DESERTED TRIBE WAITED TILL ALL BRAVES AWAY ON HUNTING TRIP! THEN SNEAK IN HERE AND TRY FORCE ME TO TELL HIDING PLACE OF TRIBAL JEWELS!



IT IS GOOD THING YOU COME BY, GOLDEN ARROW! I HAVE JEWELS IN BOX HIDDEN RIGHT IN TEPEE. I NO COULD STAND THEM OFF ANY LONGER. SOON MEBBE WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP JEWELS!

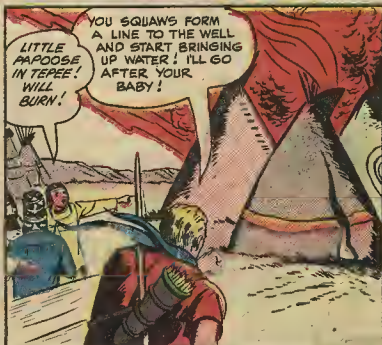


AT THAT MOMENT---

LISTEN! IS TROUBLE!

I'LL GO OUT AND TAKE A LOOK!

FIRE! HELP!



YOU SQUAWS FORM A LINE TO THE WELL AND START BRINGING UP WATER! I'LL GO AFTER YOUR BABY!

LITTLE PAPOOSE IN TEPEE! WILL BURN!



BRAVING THE FIERY TONGUES OF FLAME, GOLDEN ARROW LEAPS TO THE RESCUE!

THIS PLACE IS A FURNACE! I ONLY HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!



LONG SECONDS LATER---

WAH! WAH!

HE'S SAFE! NOW LET'S GET THAT BUCKET BRIGADE WORKING!

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MEANWHILE, IN THE CHIEF'S TEPEE---

HA! HA! WE
NO RUN AWAY!
WE MAKE
FIRE IN
TEPEES!

WE KNOW GOLDEN
ARROW GO OUT TO HELP.
LEAVE YOU ALONE
FOR US!

UGN!
BAD
INDIANS
GO WAY!



WE GO WAY
WHEN YOU TELL
WHERE ARE
JEWELS!



FINALLY THE OLD CHIEF CAN NO LONGER
HOLD OUT!

I TELL! JEWELS IN BOX
BURIED NEAR ENTRANCE TO
TEPEE!

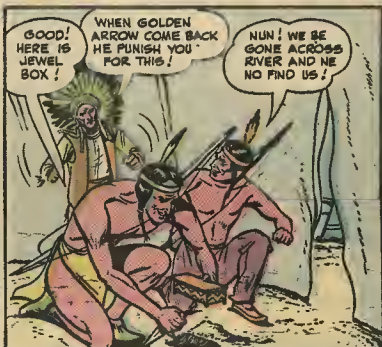
UGN! WE
LOOK!



GOOD!
HERE IS
JEWEL
BOX!

WHEN GOLDEN
ARROW COME BACK
HE PUNISH YOU
FOR THIS!

NUN! WE BE
GONE ACROSS
RIVER AND WE
NO FIND US!



AND THIS PUT YOU
TO SLEEP SO YOU NO
TELLUM WHERE
WE GO!



SHORTLY AFTER---

THE FIRE IS OUT AND NO
ONE WAS HURT---WHAT
HAPPENED HERE?



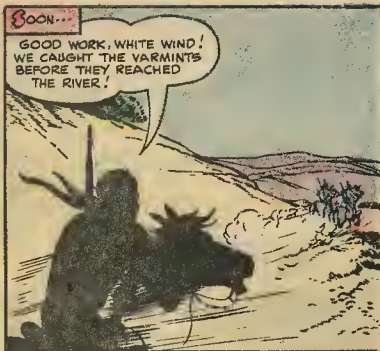
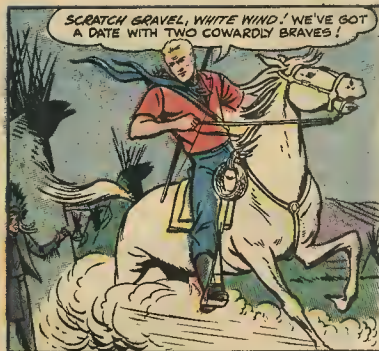
AND AFTER THE CHIEF EXPLAINS
WHAT HAPPENED....

---AND THEY
ARE CROSSING
THE RIVER
TO ESCAPE!

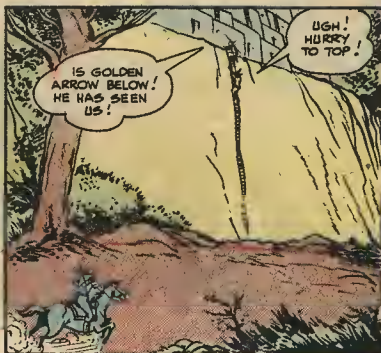
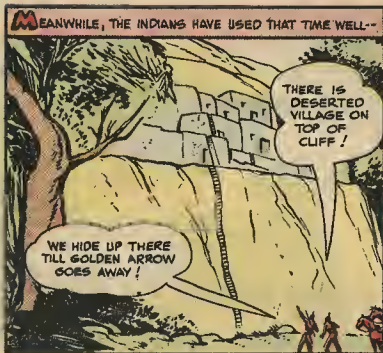
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BUT THEY WON'T
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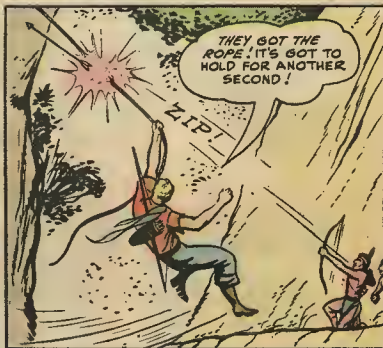
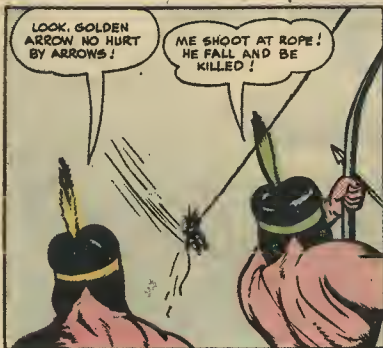
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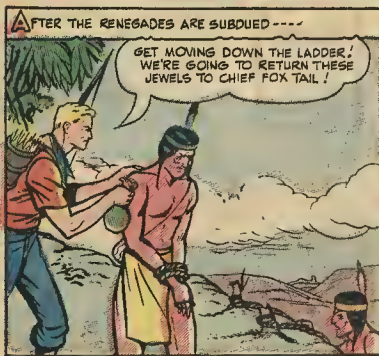
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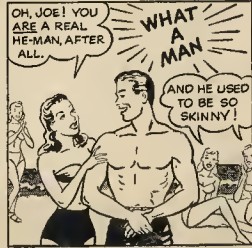
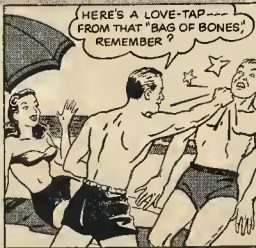
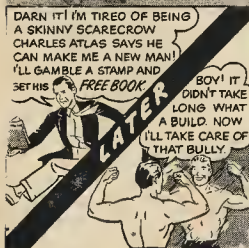
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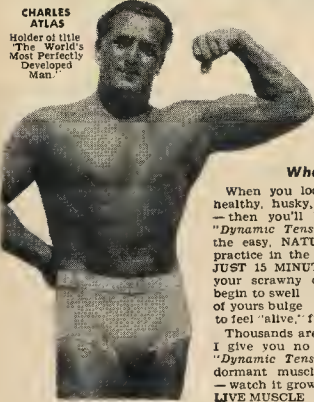
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